

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 328

By Lollar

A RESOLUTION to commend David A. Pickler for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable civic leaders who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, David A. Pickler is one such estimable citizen who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, evincing his belief that community service is an essential element of citizenship, he has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to this State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pickler is President and Chief Executive Officer of Pickler Wealth Advisors, a firm that has established a reputation for empowering client success through customer solution and advisory excellence; and

WHEREAS, after having graduated Magna Cum Laude from Arkansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management in 1980, David Pickler received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, University of Memphis, in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pickler maintains an active practice emphasizing tax and estate planning, and in 2000, he joined a select group of attorneys admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and a Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC), he is considered one of the leading estate planning advisors in the nation; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished professional, David Pickler has served as president of the International Association for Financial Planning, member of the Executive Board of the Planned

Giving Council of Greater Memphis, and as a member of the Investment Advisory Committee for the National Science Teacher's Association, in addition to serving as a Special Master and judicially approved Financial Expert in Family Law disputes; and

WHEREAS, David Pickler built his personal and professional life on the principles of community and civic service and philanthropic investments; and

WHEREAS, in August of 1998, Mr. Pickler was elected to the Shelby County Board of Education and was chosen by his fellow board members to serve as Chairman of the Shelby County Board of Education in September of 1999; and

WHEREAS, under his astute leadership, the Shelby County Board of Education was honored in 2001 and 2004 by the Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA) as the School Board of the Year for the State of Tennessee, and in 2001, David Pickler was individually honored with selection to the All-Tennessee School Board; and

WHEREAS, he has further been recognized as a Master Board Member for his advocacy of public education, commitment to student achievement, and dedication to continuing boardsmanship education, and in 2002, the Tennessee Congress of Parent Teacher Associations selected him as the Outstanding School Board Member for the State of Tennessee for 2001-2002; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2002, the National School Boards Association (NSBA) honored David Pickler as one of America's top school board members with its Distinguished Service Award; moreover, the NSBA selected him to represent over 95,000 school board members from across the nation in an address before Congress on September 13, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the NSBA honored him again with its Distinguished Service Award for 2005, and he was elected by his fellow school board members to serve as Executive Board Member and Treasurer for the Tennessee School Boards Association in November of 2006; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2007, the TSBA recognized David Pickler for his leadership and commitment to continuing board development and education as a charter member of its Scholar's Circle, and he became one of the very few board members ever to be named for a second time to the All-Tennessee School Board for 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee School Boards Association also recognized Mr. Pickler in 2007 with its ultimate honor, as he was named recipient of the C. Hal Renard Distinguished

Service Award, proclaiming him as Chairman of the All-Tennessee School Board and the School Board Member of the Year for Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, he was selected to serve as the Southern Region Director for the National School Boards Association, the first Tennessee school board member to serve on the NSBA Board of Directors in over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, David Pickler has extended his philanthropy by developing and leading a capital campaign for the Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA); this effort was organized to defray costs associated with the construction, infrastructure, and equipment for the organization's new headquarters in Nashville and has raised over \$100,000, thereby empowering the TSBA to retire all debt associated with the acquisition of the new building; and

WHEREAS, he also chaired the Houston High School Band Capital Campaign, which resulted in over \$1,000,000 in facilities, construction, equipment and infrastructure investments, and program support; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Pickler has assumed leadership roles and provided significant financial and endowment support for Kiwanis children's charities; he has served on the Board of the Kiwanis District Foundation and has been honored for his philanthropy with numerous awards, including the River of Life Fellow, John T. Roberts Fellow, Hixson Ambassador, George F. Hixson Fellow, and Heritage Society membership; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges of citizenship, Mr. Pickler has rendered astute service as a member of many civic, professional, and governmental organizations, including the Memphis Oral School for the Deaf; the Orpheum Theatre Memphis Development Foundation; the City of Germantown's Healthy Kids Healthy Germantown Leadership Coalition, Financial Advisory Committee, Design Review Commission, Economic Development Commission, 2000 Oversight Commission, Planning Commission, Chairman of the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration, and the Steering Committee Hometown Heroes; what is more, his lifelong dedication to the Boy Scouts of America can only be described as outstanding; and

WHEREAS, a valued member of the Economic Club of Memphis, the Greater Memphis Arts Council Steering Committee, and the Germantown Chamber of Commerce, for which he has served as Chairman of the Education Committee, he has also stood as President of the

Executive Board of the Germantown Soccer Club and on the Shelby Soccer Advisory Board, as well as baseball coach of the Germantown Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, David Pickler is grateful for the love and support he receives from his beloved wife, Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Campbell Pickler, and their two children, Christopher David and Kathleen Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, throughout his laudable career, Mr. Pickler has been wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend David A. Pickler for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.